

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 4, and 6-7 have been amended, and claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled, leaving claims 1-2, 4, and 6-10 pending upon entry of the present amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Antecedent basis for the amendments to claim 1 is found at least in the Summary of the Invention on page 1, in the first paragraph of the Detailed Description of the Invention on page 2, and in the 3rd and 4th full paragraphs on page 7.

Antecedent basis for the amendments to claim 2 is found at least in the first paragraph of the Detailed Description of the Invention on page 2.

Antecedent basis for the amendment to claims 3 and 6 is found at least in the 3rd full paragraph on page 7.

The amendments to claims 4 and 7 have been made for clarity, in particular to conform the claims to the other claim amendments and to better describe the invention.

New Claims

New claims 11-18 have been presented.

Antecedent basis for new claims 11 and 12 is at least in originally claim 1, the Summary of the Invention on page 1, in the first paragraph of the Detailed Description of the Invention on page 2, and in the 3rd and 4th full paragraphs on page 7.

Antecedent basis for new claims 13 and 15-17 is found at least in claims 1-10 as originally presented.

Antecedent basis for new claim 14 is found at least in Table 1 on page 23.

Antecedent basis for new claim 18 is found at least in the Summary of the Invention on pages 1-2, in the first paragraph of the Detailed Description of the Invention on page 2, and in the 3rd and 4th full paragraphs on page 7.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the original claims into four groups, based on the number of components in the claims. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group IV, drawn to a composition containing four components. It is believed that Group IV contains amended claims 6-10 and new claims 11-18.

Notwithstanding the foregoing election, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, on the grounds that the additional searching required for all groups is not unduly burdensome.

This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to the remaining claims, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

Election Requirement

The Examiner has further requested election of an ultimate species of component (a) of original claim 1. Component (a) has now been amended to recite the presence of polycarbonate. It is believed that this amendment satisfies the election requirement.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0862

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